

Precision Propeller Repair To The Rescue!

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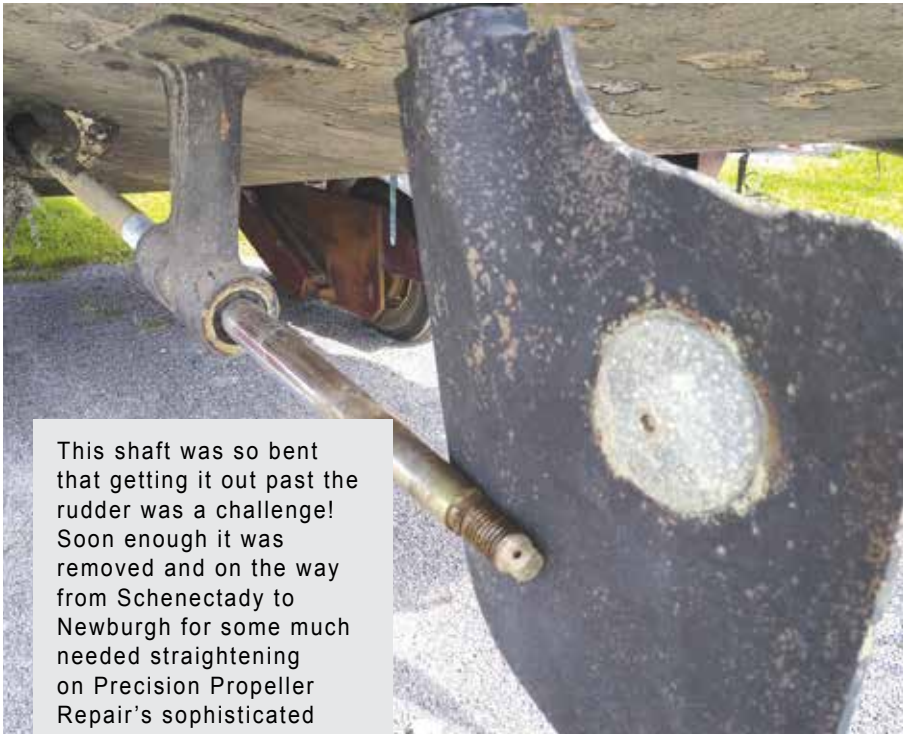
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Many people don't realize that Gabe and Mike Capobianchi of Precision Propeller Repair (78 Bridge St. Newburgh, NY 12550 (845) 562-3880, www.precision-props.com) cover a huge swath of New York State and the entire Hudson River Valley with their products and services. They have an amazing array of capabilities from propeller refurbishing and replacement to shaft straightening, rudders and struts repairs, specialty welding, fuel injector cleaning, dripless shaft installation and more.

These skills came in really handy when the Mrs. and I were getting ready to start our vacation this past summer. During test runs of the boat we realized one of the propeller shafts was wobbling very badly, and that the boat wouldn't be able to take any sort of trip in that condition. PJ Esperti at Mohawk Valley Marine spent several hours in the bilge removing that shaft, so that it could be delivered to Precision. What a job they did! Mike got that shaft within specs despite a very pronounced bend, and it was back in the boat and ready to go in time for us to begin our canal journey.

It's great to know that there are professionals such as Gabe and Mike around to keep our boats running smoothly. Without their services, the boat would likely have been laid up for weeks. Precision Propeller Repair is an example of the robust marine industry we can count on here in the Hudson Valley, and it is a privilege to give them a very hearty shout-out. Please contact the experts at Precision when your props, shaft or other underwater running gear needs servicing!

You may be wondering, "how did the shaft get so bent in the first place?" Good question. There was not so much as a scratch on the Michigan propeller that still had the 1979 casting information stamped into it. The boat likely hit a submerged log somewhere along the line at just the right angle to cause the bend. This is a common hazard in river and canal boating.



This shaft was so bent that getting it out past the rudder was a challenge! Soon enough it was removed and on the way from Schenectady to Newburgh for some much needed straightening on Precision Propeller Repair's sophisticated machinery.